

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: FOREST CITY TELECOM, INC.	DOCKET NO. 199 IAC 39.2(4)
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ORDER DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE CARRIER

(Issued January 26, 2001)

On November 21, 2000, Forest City Telecom, Inc. (Forest City), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for universal service eligible carrier status in Iowa. Forest City asks that the Board designate it as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to 199 IAC 39.2(4). The subrule requires that a carrier, to receive support from the Universal Service Fund as defined by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 254, must file a request using the Board's form and be designated as an eligible carrier by the Board.

The Board must determine that a carrier meets certain service requirements before it designates it as an eligible carrier. The requirements are:

- 1) Offer the services supported by the federal universal service fund;
- 2) Offer the services using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of the facilities of another carrier;
- 3) Advertise the availability of the supported services; and

4) Offer the services throughout the service area of the designated carrier.

In its request for designation, Forest City states that it satisfies each of the four requirements. Based upon that unopposed representation, the Board finds that Forest City offers the services supported by the federal universal service fund, using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of the facilities of another carrier. The Board finds that Forest City advertises and offers the services throughout its service area, which will be its designated service area for purposes of the universal service fund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Eligible telecommunications carrier status is granted to Forest City Telecom, Inc., as requested on November 21, 2000. The designated service area for Forest City Telecom, Inc., shall be the service area established in its certificate of convenience and necessity.

2. The Acting Executive Secretary of the Utilities Board shall mail copies of this order to Forest City Telecom, Inc., the Universal Service Administration Company, the Federal Communications Commission Universal Service Branch, and the Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 26th day of January, 2001.